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In accordance with General Regulation VI.3 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2000/EB.A/2, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme has the honour to present to the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council the following documents for consideration:

- (a) Annual report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council;*
- (b) Decisions and recommendations of the Executive Board for 2004.

* The annual report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council is issued under a separate cover and is contained in document E/2005/14.

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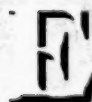
**Executive Board
First Regular Session**

Rome, 23–26 February 2004

Executive Board Bureau

President:	Mr Miguel Barreto (Peru)
Vice-President:	See decision on page 1, Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board and Appointment of the Rapporteur.
Member:	Mr Nasreddine Rimouche (Algeria)
Member:	Ms Nasrin Akhter (Bangladesh)
Member:	Mr Milan Paksi (Slovakia)
Rapporteur:	Ms Nasrin Akhter (Bangladesh)

**DECISIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Executive Board adopted the revised agenda as presented (Annex).

23 February 2004

Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Executive Board elected Mr Miguel Barreto (Peru, List C) as President for a one-year term.

The Board elected as Vice-President H.E. Poul Skytte Christoffersen (Denmark, List D). The election of the Vice-President would take effect as soon as Denmark was elected as a Board member by ECOSOC.*

The representatives of: Algeria, Mr Nasreddine Rimouche (List A); Bangladesh, Ms Nasrin Akhter (List B); and Slovakia, Mr Milan Paksi (List E) were elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists for a one-year term.

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms Nasrin Akhter (List B) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2004.

23 February 2004

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, the main points of which will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2004/EB.1/1

Current and Future Strategic Issues

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing the Programme. The main points of the presentation, and the Board's comments, would be contained in the summary of the work of the session. The Board also took note of the statement of Mr Ruud Lubbers, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, on issues of mutual interest to UNHCR and WFP.

23 February 2004

* Denmark was elected as a Board member by ECOSOC on 27 February 2004

POLICY ISSUES**2004/EB.1/2 Emergency Needs Assessments**

The Board took note of the information provided in document WFP/EB.1/2004/4-A on strengthening emergency needs assessments. It requested that the Secretariat provide an update on progress made in implementing these measures, along with a proposed implementation plan, including cooperation with other agencies, a timetable and budget implications, at the Third Regular Session in October 2004.

23 February 2004

2004/EB.1/3 WFP Policy on Staff Recruitment and Geographical Representation of Member States

The Board took note of the information submitted on the methodology used by WFP to establish appropriate geographical and gender representation among international professional staff as set out in document WFP/EB.1/2004/4-B/Rev.1 on policy issues. The Board requested that the opinions expressed during the discussion be taken into account in the context of the HR strategic management review, which the Secretariat would carry out as appropriate.

24 February 2004

2004/EB.1/4 Humanitarian Principles

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/4-C and approved the ten humanitarian principles that would be added to the Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies, taking into account comments made during the debate. The Secretariat was requested to submit to the Board at its next session, through the Bureau, a document for information on the substance of the statement on humanitarian principles.

23 February 2004

2004/EB.1/5 WFP Report on Follow-up to General Assembly Resolution A/RES/56/201: Triennial Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System

The Board took note of the information contained in the document WFP/EB.1/2004/4-D + Corr.1, and requested the Secretariat to play an active role in review of the Triennial Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System (TCPR). The Board decided that it would continue the discussion on this matter during the Annual Session in May 2004.

26 February 2004

The Board stressed that this decision should not prejudice the outcome of any future discussion on the subject. In this regard, it invited the Secretariat to hold an informal consultation on the treatment of contributions.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.1/2004/5(A,B)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2004/5(A,B)/3).

26 February 2004

EVALUATION REPORTS

2004/EB.1/10 Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of the PRRO Category

The Board took note of the recommendations contained in the evaluation report WFP/EB.1/2004/6-A and of the interim management response set out in the annex. At its Annual Session in 2004, the Board would begin the examination of the final version of the measures taken by management, at which time it would take a decision on a process to be followed.

25 February 2004

REPORTS ON OPERATIONS—OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/11 Information Note on the Special Operations (SO) Programme Category

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/7 and indicated that it would re-examine this topic at its Annual Session in May 2004.

24 February 2004

MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO— OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/12 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Armenia 10053.1

The Board approved Armenia PRRO 10053.1, "Relief and Recovery Assistance for Vulnerable Groups" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/4 + Corr.1 and Corr.2).

25 February 2004

MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO— EVALUATION REPORTS

2004/EB.1/13 Information Note on the Review of the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC) Operations in Iraq

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/6-B/1.

26 February 2004

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/14 Development Project for Executive Board Approval—Benin 10308.0

The Board approved development project Benin 10308.0, "Promotion of Formal and Non-Formal Education of Children and Youth" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-A/2).

25 February 2004

2004/EB.1/15 Development Project for Executive Board Approval— The Gambia 10311.0

The Board approved development project The Gambia 10311.0, "Support to Basic Education in Rural Vulnerable Regions" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-A/1).

25 February 2004

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/16 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Nepal 10058.3

The Board approved Nepal PRRO 10058.3, "Food Assistance to Bhutanese Refugees in Nepal" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/2).

25 February 2004

2004/EB.1/17 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Cambodia 10305.0

The Board approved Cambodia PRRO 10305.0, "Assisting People in Crisis" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/1).

25 February 2004

2004/EB.1/18 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Indonesia 10069.1

The Board approved Indonesia PRRO 10069.1, "Assistance to Recovery and Nutritional Rehabilitation" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/3).

25 February 2004

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—EVALUATION REPORTS

2004/EB.1/19 Information Note on WFP Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/6-B/2.

26 February 2004

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—OPERATIONAL MATTERS**2004/EB.1/20 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval—Sudan 10122.1**

The Board approved Sudan PRRO 10122.1, "Food Assistance for Eritrean Refugees" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/5).

25 February 2004

2004/EB.1/21 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Republic of the Congo 10312.0

The Board approved PRRO Republic of the Congo 10312.0, "Assistance to Populations Affected by Conflicts" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/6).

25 February 2004

OPERATIONAL MATTERS**2004/EB.1/22 Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2003)**

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/9.

26 February 2004

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS**2004/EB.1/23 Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2004–2005)**

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/10-A.

26 February 2004

2004/EB.1/24 Programming Food Aid in Urban Areas: Operational Guidance

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/10-B.

26 February 2004

2004/EB.1/25 Operational Guidelines on the Donation of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/10-C.

26 February 2004

2004/EB.1/26 Information Note on WFP's Security Upgrade Programme

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/10-D and looked forward to the Secretariat's next progress report on this topic at the Annual Session of the Board in May 2004.

24 February 2004

SUMMARIES OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2004/EB.1/27 Summary of the Work of the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2003

The Board endorsed the draft summary of its Third Regular Session of 2003, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.3/2003/14.

26 February 2004

OTHER BUSINESS

2004/EB.1/28 Provisional Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/INF/6.

26 February 2004

2004/EB.1/29 Allowances for the Executive Director

Further to its decision 2002/EB.A/18 on the housing allowance of the Executive Director, the Board reviewed the level of the representation allowance of the Executive Director and decided that it would be set at US\$50,000 per year, thus bringing it into line with the allowances currently paid to the Director-General of FAO and to the President of IFAD.

25 February 2004

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9. ***Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters (1 July–31 December 2003)***

Emergency operations approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO*

10. ***Organizational and procedural matters***

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b) Programming food aid in urban areas: operational guidance*

c) Operational guidelines on the donation of foods derived from modern biotechnology*

d) Information note on WFP's security upgrade programme

11. ***Summary of the work of the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2003***

12. ***Other business***

13. ***Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations***

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* In accordance with the Executive Board's decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions, 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it, well in advance of the meeting, and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.

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**Executive Board
Annual Session**

Rome, 24–26 May 2004

Executive Board Bureau

President:	Mr Miguel Barreto (Peru)
Vice-President:	H.E. Poul Skytte Christoffersen (Denmark)
Member:	Mr Nasreddine Rimouche (Algeria)
Member:	Ms Nasrin Akhter (Bangladesh)
Member:	Mr Milan Paksi (Slovakia)
Rapporteur:	Ms Heidi Pihlatie (Finland)

**DECISIONS AND
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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as presented (Annex).

24 May 2004

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms Heidi Pihlatie (List D) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2004.

24 May 2004

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, the main points of which will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2004/EB.A/1

Current and future strategic issues

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing the Programme. The main points of the presentation, and the Board's comments, would be contained in the summary of the work of the session. The Board also took note of the presentations by Ms Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF and Mr Jan Egeland, Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

24 May 2004

ANNUAL REPORTS

2004/EB.A/2

Annual Performance Report for 2003

The Board took note of the information and results reported in WFP's first "Annual Performance Report" (WFP/EB.A/2004/4-A + Corr.1). The Board recognized that this Annual Performance Report for 2003 reflected in its substance the scope and function of the new governance arrangements being implemented by WFP. The Board requested that the comments made during the Board's discussion of the Annual Performance Report for 2003 regarding the focus and presentation of the report be taken into account when drafting the Annual Performance Report for 2004.

24 May 2004

2004/EB.A/3

Annual Report of the Executive Director to ECOSOC and the FAO Council, 2003

The Board approved the "Annual Report of the Executive Director to ECOSOC and the FAO Council, 2003" (WFP/EB.A/2004/4-B/Rev.1).

In accordance with its decision 2000/EB.A/2 of 22 May 2000, and in fulfilment of the reporting obligations under General Regulation VI.3, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to ECOSOC and the FAO Council, along with the Board's decisions and recommendations for 2003 and the present decision.

25 May 2004

POLICY ISSUES

Nutrition issues

2004/EB.A/4

Food for nutrition: mainstreaming nutrition in WFP

In accordance with decision 2002/EB.A/4, the Board requested the Secretariat to add the following language to "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: A Governance Tool" (WFP/EB.A/2002/5-A/1) under cross-cutting issues:

"WFP will mainstream nutrition in its programmes, advocacy and partnerships in order to (i) tackle malnutrition directly, responding to and/or preventing malnutrition when food can make a difference, and (ii) enhance national and household capacities to recognize and respond to nutritional challenges. WFP will expand its efforts to achieve and document positive nutritional outcomes. This will include putting in place appropriate staff capacity at country, regional and Headquarters levels in nutritional assessment, programme design, project implementation and data collection and management. WFP will engage more fully in global and national policy dialogues on malnutrition problems and solutions in collaboration with appropriate partners."

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/5

Micronutrient fortification: WFP experiences and ways forward

In accordance with decision 2002/EB.A/4, the Board requested the Secretariat to add the following language to "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: A Governance Tool" (WFP/EB.A/2002/5-A/1) under cross-cutting issues:

"WFP will increase its efforts to meet micronutrient deficiencies among beneficiaries through the distribution of appropriately fortified foods and support for national and international fortification initiatives and policies, as well as food-based approaches, paying particular attention to micronutrient needs in emergencies and meeting the special needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. Central to these efforts are: ensuring adherence to WFP's procurement specifications and quality-control procedures, and

documenting effectiveness and the impact of fortification activities. WFP will expand its local initiatives in the production of fortified blended foods and biscuits, and in the milling and fortification of cereals. Institutional and staff capacity to implement these activities will be enhanced as necessary.”

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/6

Nutrition and emergencies: WFP experiences and challenges

In accordance with decision 2002/EB.A/4, the Board requested the Secretariat to add the following language to “Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: A Governance Tool” (WFP/EB.A/2002/5-A/1) under cross-cutting issues:

“WFP will systematically analyse nutrition problems in emergencies and define the most appropriate responses based on up-to-date knowledge and best practice. Greater efforts will be made to ensure that nutritionally adequate foods are provided in a timely manner in support of nutrition objectives. WFP will enable staff to design and implement effective nutrition-related interventions and report on results, and will increase its collaboration with partners that offer complementary nutrition skills. WFP will enhance its collaboration with specialized institutions of the United Nations system and its other partners, and will ensure a proper division of tasks in designing and implementing integrated responses to malnutrition, particularly in the framework of needs identification. Funding modalities will be explored to enhance WFP’s cash resources to support nutrition objectives. Nutrition programming in emergencies will also pay more attention to underlying causes of malnutrition, not just acute outcomes during crises, and seek to build links with longer-term development activities.”

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/7

Transition from relief to development

The Board took note of the Secretariat’s communication (WFP/EB.A/2004/5-B) on the final report of the undg/ECHA Working Group on Transition Issues and encouraged WFP to remain engaged and active in the process, taking into consideration the comments made during the Board’s discussion, and to keep the Board informed of developments so that the Board may regularly provide its advice and decide on how to proceed in the future.

24 May 2004

2004/EB.A/8 Humanitarian principles

The Board took note of the revised statement of the humanitarian principles of the World Food Programme contained in paragraph 14 of document WFP/EB.A/2004/5-C, which takes into account comments made during the First Regular Session of 2004. The Secretariat was requested to add the final statement to the Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies.

26 May 2004

2004/EB.A/9 Definition of special operations—amendment to General Rule II.2(d), programme categories of WFP

The Board approved the following change to the definition of the special operations category in the General Rules as set out in the document WFP/EB.A/2004/5-D:

General Rule II.2(d): Programme Categories

Special Operations Programme Category for interventions undertaken to:

- i) rehabilitate and enhance transport and logistics infrastructure* to permit timely and efficient delivery of food assistance, especially to meet emergency and protracted relief needs;
- ii) enhance coordination within the United Nations system and with other partners through the provision of designated common services.

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/10 Reducing the number of Board sessions

The Board approved the reduction of the number of its sessions from four to three per year, as set in out in document WFP/EB.A/2004/5-E.

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/11 Streamlining corporate reporting to the Executive Board and WFP parent bodies

The Board approved the decision to combine WFP reports to parent bodies into a single report to be submitted to the First Regular Session of the Board, starting in 2005, as well as the interim arrangements proposed for 2004, as described in document WFP/EB.A/2004/5-F.

24 May 2004

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2004/EB.A/12 Consolidated financial report

The Board took note of the information contained in the "Consolidated Financial Report" (WFP/EB.A/2004/6-A/1 + Corr.1).

* The issue relating to technical assistance will be discussed again at the Third Regular Session in October 2004.

The Board took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.A/2004/6(A,B,C,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2004/6(A,B,C,E)/3).

26 May 2004

2004/EB.A/13

Audited Biennial Accounts (2002–2003)

The Executive Board:

- a) approved the 2002–2003 Biennial Financial Statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor, pursuant to General Regulation XIV.6 (b);
- b) noted the application of the Staff Cost Variance account to both project-funded and PSA-funded staff costs;
- c) noted the funding from the General Fund of US\$8.4 million during the biennium for the purposes indicated below:
 - unfunded expenditures in development projects;
 - unfunded expenditures on closed projects;
 - write-off of contributions receivable; and
 - final transfer to the Kosovo Disaster Special Account;
- d) approved the transfer of US\$20 million from the General Fund and US\$24.1 million from the PSA Equalization Account to the DSC Advance Facility Reserve, to bring the balance of the Reserve to US\$60 million, as approved by the Executive Board in the 2004–2005 Management Plan.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2004/6(A,B,C,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2004/6(A,B,C,E)/3).

26 May 2004

2004/EB.A/14

Report of the Inspector-General

The Board took note of the report of the Director, Oversight Services and Inspector-General (WFP/EB.A/2004/6-C/1) and would forward it to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services along with its comments.

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/15

WFP pledging target: 2005–2006

The Board, having considered the recommendations of the Executive Director in document WFP/EB.A/2004/6-D:

- a) approved a pledging target of US\$5.2 billion for 2005–2006, determined using the needs-based approach on which the current WFP budget is based; and
- b) recommended to ECOSOC that the next Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review should consider recommending to the General Assembly that pledging conferences should be discontinued because they no longer have a significant value in resource mobilization for WFP.

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/16 Update on the WFP Management Plan, 2004–2005

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.A/2004/6-E/1.

26 May 2004

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

**2004/EB.A/17 Report on post-delivery losses for the period
1 January–31 December 2003**

In considering document WFP/EB.A/2004/7-A + Corr.1, the Board noted the country-specific and commodity-specific losses suffered and the corrective actions taken by WFP, governments and other partners to minimize post-delivery losses. It encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were reduced, to seek reimbursement from governments that had lost commodities through negligence, and to continue to report to the Board annually.

25 May 2004

**2004/EB.A/18 Composition of WFP international professional staff and higher
categories**

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.A/2004/7-B.

26 May 2004

**2004/EB.A/19 Information note on the implementation of new security management
arrangements**

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.A/2004/7-C.

26 May 2004

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2. *Appointment of the Rapporteur*
3. *Current and future strategic issues*
4. *Annual reports*
 - a) Annual performance report for 2003
 - b) Annual report of the Executive Director to ECOSOC and the FAO Council, 2003
5. *Policy issues*
 - a) Nutrition issues
 - Food for nutrition: mainstreaming nutrition in WFP
 - Micronutrient fortification: WFP experiences and ways forward
 - Nutrition and emergencies: WFP experiences and challenges
 - b) Transition from relief to development
 - c) Humanitarian principles*
 - d) Definition of special operations—amendment to General Rule II.2(d), programme categories of WFP
 - e) Reducing the number of Board sessions
 - f) Streamlining corporate reporting to the Executive Board and WFP parent Bodies
6. *Resource, financial and budgetary matters*
 - a) Consolidated financial report*

- b) Audited biennial accounts (2002–2003)
 - c) Report of the Inspector-General
 - d) WFP pledging target: 2005–2006
 - e) Update on the WFP Management Plan, 2004–2005*
7. *Administrative and managerial matters*
- a) Report on post-delivery losses for the period (1 January–31 December 2003)
 - b) Composition of WFP international professional staff and higher categories*
 - c) Information paper on the implementation of new security management arrangements*
8. *Other business*
9. *Verification of the adopted decisions and recommendations*

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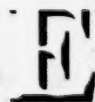
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Second Regular Session**

Rome, 26–27 May 2004

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Rapporteur:	Ms Heidi Pihlatie (Finland)

**DECISIONS AND
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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as presented (Annex).

26 May 2004

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms Heidi Pihlatie (List D) Rapporteur of the Second Regular Session of 2004.

26 May 2004

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, the main points of which will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

EVALUATION REPORTS

2004/EB.2/1 Management response to the PRRO thematic evaluation recommendations

The Board took note of the actions proposed in document WFP/EB.2/2004/2-A, and welcomed the Secretariat's response to convene informal consultations with members to inform them further of progress in improving the programme quality of PRROs and to present an updated progress report for consideration by the Board at its First Regular Session in 2005.

26 May 2004

2004/EB.2/2 Review of WFP's experience with real-time evaluation

The Board took note of the information in document WFP/EB.2/2004/2-B on WFP's review of experience with real-time evaluation, including WFP's acceptance of the review's recommendations, which it would implement in its continued use of real-time evaluation of emergency operations.

27 May 2004

2004/EB.2/3 Information note on the review of the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC) in Liberia

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.2/2004/2-C.

27 May 2004

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—OPERATIONAL MATTERS

**2004/EB.2/4 Budget increase to development project—country programme
Uganda 10019.0 (1999–2005)**

The Board approved the budget increase as set out in document
WFP/EB.2/2004/4-A.

26 May 2004

2004/EB.2/5 Protracted relief and recovery operation—Ethiopia 10127.1

The Board approved PRRO Ethiopia 10127.1, “Food Assistance to Somali,
Sudanese and Eritrean Refugees” (WFP/EB.2/2004/4-B/3).

26 May 2004

**2004/EB.2/6 Budget increase to protracted relief and recovery operation—
Great Lakes Regional 10062.1**

The Board approved the budget increase as set out in document
WFP/EB.2/2004/4-C.

26 May 2004

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.2/7 Protracted relief and recovery operation—Myanmar 10066.2

The Board approved PRRO Myanmar 10066.2, “Assistance to Returnees and
Vulnerable Groups in Northern Rakhine State and Magway Division (Dry
Zone) of Myanmar” (WFP/EB.2/2004/4-B/1).

27 May 2004

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.2/8 Draft country programme—Sierra Leone 10333.0 (2005–2007)

The Board endorsed the draft country programme for Sierra Leone 10333.0
(2005–2007) (WFP/EB.2/2004/3/2) and authorized the Secretariat to
formulate a country programme taking account of the observations of the
members of the Board.

27 May 2004

**MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—
OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

2004/EB.2/9 Protracted relief and recovery operation—Algeria 10172.1

The Board approved PRRO Algeria 10172.1, “Assistance to Western Saharan
Refugees” (WFP/EB.2/2004/4-B/4).

27 May 2004

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—OPERATIONAL MATTERS**2004/EB.2/10 Draft country programme—Madagascar 10340.0 (2005–2009)**

The Board endorsed the draft country programme for Madagascar 10340.0 (2005–2009) (WFP/EB.2/2004/3/1) and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme taking account of the observations of the members of the Board.

27 May 2004

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO**2004/EB.2/11 Joint field visit to Guatemala**

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.2/2004/INF/5.

27 May 2004

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS**2004/EB.2/12 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP**

After considering the recommendations of the five Joint Inspection Unit reports in 2003 and 2002 of relevance to the work of WFP (WFP/EB.2/2004/6-A), the Board took note of the action taken by WFP, as outlined in paragraph 7 of the document.

27 May 2004

SUMMARIES OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**2004/EB.2/13 Summary of the work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2004**

The Board endorsed the draft summary of its First Regular Session of 2004, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/14.

27 May 2004

AGENDA

1. *Adoption of the Agenda*
2. *Evaluation reports*
 - a) Management response to the PRRO thematic evaluation recommendations
 - b) Review of WFP's experience with real-time evaluation*
 - c) Information note on the review of the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC) in Liberia*

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5. ***Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters (1 July–31 December 2003)****
 - a) Development projects approved by the Executive Director
 - Sierra Leone 10302.0
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 - Djibouti 10283.0
 - Albania 10165.1
 - d) Budget increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director
6. ***Administrative and managerial matters***
 - a) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
 - b) Business Process Review (BPR): pilot update *
7. ***Summary of the work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2004***
8. ***Other business***
9. ***Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations***

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**Executive Board
Third Regular Session**

Rome, 11–14 October 2004

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**DECISIONS AND
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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the revised agenda as presented (Annex I).

11 October 2004

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Patrick Saint-Hilaire (List C) Rapporteur of the Third Regular Session of 2004.

11 October 2004

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2004/EB.3/1 Current and Future Strategic Issues

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP. The main points of the presentation, and the Board's comments, would be contained in the summary of the work of the session. The Board also took note of the presentations by H.E. Manuel Rodriguez Cuadros, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Peru), H.E. Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Minister of Food and Disaster Management (Bangladesh) and H.E. Lebohang Kenneth Moleko, President of UNICEF Executive Board, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations.

11 October 2004

POLICY ISSUES

2004/EB.3/2 WFP and Food-Based Safety Nets: Concepts, Experiences and Future Programming Opportunities

The Executive Board approved the document "WFP and Food-Based Safety Nets: Concepts, Experiences and Future Programming Opportunities" (WFP/EB.3/2004/4-A) and asked the Secretariat to update the "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: A Governance Tool" (WFP/EB.A/2002/5-A/1), modifying the "Cross Cutting" section as follows:

"In order to participate actively with governments and other partners at each of these stages of implementation of national safety-net programmes, WFP:

- will enhance its capacity to advise knowledgeably and advocate effectively for food-based safety nets, where appropriate, during the formulation of national poverty reduction strategies. Measures relating to training and staffing should ensure that country offices, with the support of regional bureaux and Headquarters, have sufficient in-house expertise.
- will develop guidelines on the most appropriate design and implementation of safety nets. Particular attention should be paid to: the most effective safety net modalities for local circumstances; the optimal combination of food and cash transfers; the potential for safety nets to act as a bridge between emergencies, recovery and development; and the design of specific safety-net activities.
- will strengthen its ability to improve existing national safety-net programmes. Best practices in WFP's experiences with safety nets should be shared across regional bureaux and country offices as part of a larger system for knowledge and information sharing within the organization. WFP should also collaborate with partners including national governments, the World Bank, NGOs and other United Nations organizations to identify cross-agency best practices for safety nets.
- will explore appropriate funding mechanisms for its involvement in safety nets. These efforts may include expanding its donor base and addressing issues specific to safety nets, such as multi-year funding."

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/3

Building Country and Regional Capacities

The Board approved the policy framework set out in the document WFP/EB.3/2004/4-B. In accordance with decision 2002/EB.A/4, it asked that the Secretariat update the "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: A Governance Tool" (WFP/EB.A/2002/5-A/1), modifying the "Cross Cutting" section as follows:

"WFP, in partnership with other agencies, will take a systematic approach to building country and regional capacities to reduce hunger. WFP's capacity-building activities will work to build, develop and/or strengthen country and regional capacities related to issues of hunger and malnutrition, especially as they affect the poorest and most vulnerable individuals and communities. WFP's comparative advantage in undertaking any of these activities must be assessed at the country or regional level, given its own abilities to contribute to capacity development. WFP should maintain an appropriate overall balance between the financial and human resources devoted to Strategic Priority 5 activities, and those devoted to WFP's other strategic priorities, taking into account the core mission and mandate of the organization."

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/4 New Partnerships to Meet Rising Needs—Expanding the WFP Donor Base

The Board endorsed the strategy for broadening the donor base contained in the document “New Partnerships to Meet Rising Needs – Expanding the WFP Donor Base” (WFP/EB.3/2004/4-C) and requested the Secretariat to take into account the Board members’ comments on the implementation of the above strategy.

The Board requested period updates regarding implementation of the present decision.

Further, it requested the Secretariat to update its *Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies* by including the following change:

- i) that the definition of donor be revised as follows:
 - ◊ **Public donor:** “A contributor to WFP that is a member of the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, an inter-governmental or other public organization”;
 - ◊ **Private Donor:** “A contributor to WFP that is either a for-profit corporation or business association, a foundation, a social, educational or service organization, a non-governmental organization or an individual”;
- ii) the relevant sections of the *Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies* be adjusted to include the single term “donor”;
- iii) the criteria used by WFP for cooperating with private donors be as outlined in Annex II: WFP Private Donor Selection for Cooperation; and
- iv) the *Code of Conduct* as outlined in Annex III be used for all forms of cooperation with private donors.

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/5 Update on School Feeding

The Board took note of the information contained in the document “Information Note on School Feeding” (WFP/EB.3/2004/4-D), and in the document “Expanded School Feeding and Health Programme: New Partnerships in Uganda” (WFP/EB.3/2004/4-D/Add.1) as well as the comments of Board members.

The Board also took note of the presentations by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand and by Mr Wiseman Nkuhlu, President of the Steering Committee of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD).

11 October 2004

2004/EB.3/6 Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessments: Progress to Date and Implementation Plan

The Board took note of the update on progress made in strengthening WFP's emergency needs assessments and of the implementation plan, as set out in document WFP/EB.3/2004/4-E, and requested that the opinion expressed during the discussion should be taken into account when carrying out the implementation plan.

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/7 Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: An Updated Version (October 2004)

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: An Updated Version (October 2004)" (WFP/EB.3/2004/4-F).

14 October 2004

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2004/EB.3/8 Report of the External Auditor on Management Matters

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Report of the External Auditor on Management Matters" (WFP/EB.3/2004/5-A/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.3/2004/5(A,B,C)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.3/2004/5(A,B,C)/3).

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/9 Follow-up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Follow-up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.3/2004/5-B/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.3/2004/5(A,B,C)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.3/2004/5(A,B,C)/3).

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/10 Update to the WFP Management Plan for 2004–2005

The Board took note of the information contained in "Update to the WFP Management Plan for 2004–2005" (WFP/EB.A/2004/5-C/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.3/2004/5(A,B,C)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.3/2004/5(A,B,C)/3).

14 October 2004

EVALUATION REPORTS

2004/EB.3/11 Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Sahel Regional Emergency Operation (EMOP 10249.0)

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in the "Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Sahel Regional Emergency Operation (EMOP 10249.0)" (WFP/EB.3/2004/6-A).

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/12 Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Eritrea Relief Portfolio

The Board took note of the information and recommendations contained in the "Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Eritrea Relief Portfolio" (WFP/EB.3/2004/6-B + Corr.1).

14 October 2004

2004/EB.3/13 Summary Report of the Evaluation of the West Africa Coastal Regional Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone (PRROs 10064.0, 10064.1 and 10064.2)

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in the document "Summary Report of the Evaluation of the West Africa Coastal Regional PRROs in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone (PRROs 10064.0, 10064.1 and 10064.2)" (WFP/EB.3/2004/6-C).

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/14 Summary Evaluation Report on WFP's Portfolio of Activities in Rwanda

The Board took note of the information and recommendations contained in the "Summary Evaluation Report on WFP's Portfolio of Activities in Rwanda" (WFP/EB.3/2004/6-D).

14 October 2004

2004/EB.3/15 Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Sudan Emergency Operation

The Board took note of the information and recommendations contained in the "Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Sudan Emergency Operation" (WFP/EB.3/2004/6-E).

14 October 2004

2004/EB.3/16 Information Note on the UNJLC Core Unit Review

The Board took note of the information contained in "Information Note on the UNJLC Core Unit Review" (WFP/EB.3/2004/6-F/Rev.1).

14 October 2004

OPERATIONAL MATTERS**WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO****2004/EB.3/17 Country Programme—Sierra Leone 10333.0 (2005–2007)**

The Board approved country programme Sierra Leone 10333.0 (2005–2007) (WFP/EB.3/2004/7/2) on a no-objection basis for a total of 34,518 mt of food and a value of US\$20.6 million representing all basic direct operational costs.

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/18 Development Project for Executive Board Approval—Central African Republic 10361.0

The Board approved Central African Republic development project 10361.0 "Support to Education for All and Health" (WFP/EB.3/2004/8-A/1).

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/19 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—West Africa Coastal 10064.3

The Board approved West Africa Coastal PRRO 10064.3, "Post-Conflict Transition in the West Africa Coastal Region" (WFP/EB.3/2004/8-B/6).

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/20 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Côte d'Ivoire 10372.0

The Board approved Côte d'Ivoire PRRO 10372.0, "Response to the Côte d'Ivoire Crisis and its Regional Impact in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Mali" (WFP/EB.3/2004/8-B/5).

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/21 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Mauritania 10359.0

The Board approved Mauritania PRRO 10359.0 "Strengthening of the Means of Subsistence of Drought-Affected Populations" (WFP/EB.3/2004/8-B/2).

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/22 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Senegal 10188.1

The Board approved Senegal PRRO 10188.1 “Post-Conflict Relief and Rehabilitation in the Casamance” (WFP/EB.3/2004/8-B/1).

12 October 2004

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2004/EB.3/23 Development Project for Executive Board Approval—Lao People's Democratic Republic 10078.1

The Board approved Lao People's Democratic Republic Development project 10078.1 “Access to Primary Education for Girls and Boys in Remote Areas of Lao People's Democratic Republic” (WFP/EB.3/2004/8-A/2).

13 October 2004

2004/EB.3/24 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Sri Lanka 10067.1

The Board approved PRRO Sri Lanka 10067.1 “Assistance to Vulnerable Groups for Peace Building in Conflict-Affected Areas” (WFP/EB.3/2004/8-B/3).

13 October 2004

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2004/EB.3/25 Country Programme—Madagascar 10340.0 (2005–2009)

The Board approved country programme Madagascar 10340.0 (2005–2009) (WFP/EB.3/2004/7/1 + Corr.1) on a no-objection basis for a total of 47,523 mt of food and a value of US\$24,025,000 representing all basic direct operational costs.

13 October 2004

2004/EB.3/26 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Southern Africa Regional 10310.0

The Board approved Southern Africa Regional PRRO 10310.0 “Assistance to Populations in Southern Africa Vulnerable to Food Insecurity and the Impact of AIDS” (WFP/EB.3/2004/8-B/7 + Corr.1).

13 October 2004

OPERATIONAL REPORTS**2004/EB.3/27 Information Note on Angola Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation 10054.2**

The Board took note of the information contained in "Information Note on Angola PRRO 10054.2" (WFP/EB.3/2004/10).

13 October 2004

OPERATIONAL MATTERS**EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO****2004/EB.3/28 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Ethiopia 10362.0**

The Board approved Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0 "Enabling Livelihood Protection and Promotion" (WFP/EB.3/2004/8-B/4).

14 October 2004

2004/EB.3/29 Budget Increase to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Uganda 10121.0

The Board approved the budget increase to Uganda PRRO 10121.0 as set out in document WFP/EB.3/2004/8-C.

14 October 2004

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS**2004/EB.3/30 Provisional Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2005–2006)**

The Board approved the Provisional Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board 2005–2006 (WFP/EB.3/2004/11/Rev.1) as proposed by the Secretariat, as well as the suggestions made by the Board members. It also recommends that the policy on streamlining Board documentation, which the Bureau endorsed on a trial basis in early 2004, be maintained.

14 October 2004

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS**2004/EB.3/31 Review of the Immediate Response Account (IRA)**

The Board, having considered the recommendations of the Secretariat in document WFP/EB.3/2004/12-A:

- i) endorsed the annual IRA target level of a minimum of US\$70 million;
- ii) approved the amendment to Financial Regulation 4.3 as set out in Annex I to the document;
- iii) endorsed the principle that IRA allocations may be made for food, non-food items or a combination of the two costs, whichever is most

- critical for a flexible, timely and efficient response in emergency situations, including those addressed through SOs;
- iv) endorsed the use of the IRA to prevent critical shortfalls in life-threatening situations, mainly through local/regional purchases and pre-positioning of food, in order to avert critical shortfalls beyond the initial three months of an EMOP, while appeals and formal donations forecasts were being prepared;
 - v) endorsed the proposal that when there is a need for pre-investment in needs assessment and when there is no alternative and viable funding source, the IRA may be used for funding the following preparedness activities up to a limit of US\$2 million per year:
 - capacity assessments for logistics, ICT and procurement;
 - contingency planning and emergency preparedness;
 - needs assessments, including VAM, targeting and technical appraisal;
 - baseline analyses and surveys; and
 - vi) with a view to increasing the level of contributions to the IRA, encouraged donors to:
 - agree up-front to revolving the IRA with directed contributions confirmed to an operation that has received an IRA allocation, even though the contribution might have been confirmed after the IRA allocation was made;
 - agree up-front to transfer to the IRA account any cash balances on directed contributions to EMOPs, PRROs or SOs of less than US\$10,000.

14 October 2004

2004/EB.3/32 Business Process Review: Second Progress Report on the Pilot Projects

The Board takes note of the information and results presented in the "Business Process Review: Second Progress Report on the Pilot Projects" (WFP/EB.3/2004/12-B/1), and of the planned next steps for the review.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.3/2004/12-B/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.3/2004/12-B/3).

12 October 2004

2004/EB.3/33 Increased Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director for Approval of Operations and Budget Revisions

Having considered the recommendations in the paper WFP/EB.3/2004/12-C relating to delegated authorities to approve projects, operations and budget revisions, the Board approved:

- delegation to the Executive Director of the authority to approve all PRROs and budget revisions relating to them with a food value of US\$20 million or below;

- in cases of extreme urgency, re-establishment of the system of Board approval by correspondence between Board sessions for PRROs and budget revisions relating to them with a food value greater than US\$20 million by adopting the proposed revised Board Rules of Procedure in paragraph 11 of this document. However, if any Board member raises an objection or a reservation, the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, will decide whether the PRRO or the budget revision should be tabled at the next Board session or approved by correspondence;
- the proposal to inform Board members immediately after the approval of a PRRO or budget revision;
- streamlining budget revision approval procedures by eliminating the 10 percent food-value ceiling and using only the absolute food value as the ceiling to guide the Executive Director's delegated authority; and
- delegation to the Executive Director of the authority to approve all special operations, thus formalizing existing operational practice.

The Board's final approvals relating to the above recommendations will enter into immediate effect, will be formally reflected in an updated version of the Appendix to the General Rules dealing with Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director as presented in Annex III of the document, and will be reviewed after two years of implementation at the Third Regular Session of the Board in 2006 to determine whether this procedure would be continued.

14 October 2004

SUMMARIES OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2004/EB.3/34 Summaries of the Work of the Annual and Second Regular Sessions of the Executive Board, 2004

The Board endorsed the draft summaries of its Annual and Second Regular Sessions of 2004, the final versions of which would be contained in documents WFP/EB.A/2004/10 and WFP/EB.2/2004/10.

14 October 2004

AGENDA

1. *Adoption of the Agenda*
2. *Appointment of the Rapporteur*
3. *Current and future strategic issues*
4. *Policy issues*
 - a) Food-based safety nets
 - b) Building country and regional capacities
 - c) New partnerships to meet rising needs — expanding the WFP donor base
 - d) Update on school feeding*
 - Information note on school feeding
 - Expanded school feeding and health programme: new partnerships in Uganda*
 - e) Strengthening emergency needs assessments: progress to date and implementation plan
 - f) Consolidated framework of WFP policies*
5. *Resource, financial and budgetary matters*
 - a) Report of the External Auditor on management matters
 - b) Follow-up on the recommendations of the External Auditor
 - c) Update to the WFP Management Plan for 2004–2005*
6. *Evaluation reports*
 - a) Summary report of the evaluation of the Sahel Regional emergency operation (EMOP 10249.0)
 - b) Summary report of the evaluation of the Eritrea Relief Portfolio

- c) Summary report of the evaluation of the West Africa Coastal Regional protracted relief and recovery operations, in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone (PRRO 10064.0, 10064.1 and 10064.2)
- d) Summary evaluation report on WFP's portfolio of activities in Rwanda
- e) Summary evaluation report of the Sudan emergency operation
- f) Information note on the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC) Core Unit review*

Operational matters

7. Country programmes

- Madagascar 10340.0 (2005–2009)
- Sierra Leone 10333.0 (2005–2007)

8. Projects for Executive Board approval

- a) Development projects
 - Central African Republic 10361.0
 - Lao People's Democratic Republic 10078.1
- b) Protracted relief and recovery operations
 - Sri Lanka 10057.1
 - West Africa Coastal 10064.3
 - Côte d'Ivoire Regional 10372.0
 - Mauritania 10359.0
 - Senegal 10188.1
 - Ethiopia 10362.0
 - Southern Africa Regional 10310.0

- c) Budget increases to PRROs

- Uganda 10121.0

9. ***Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters (1 January–30 June 2004)****

- a) Development projects approved by the Executive Director

- Lao People's Democratic Republic 10306.0

- Peru 10320.0

- b) Budget increases to development projects approved by the Executive Director

- c) PRROs approved by the Executive Director

- Lao People's Democratic Republic 10319.0

- d) Budget increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director

- e) EMOPs approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO

10. ***Operational Reports***

- Information note on Angola PRRO 10054.2*

11. ***Organizational and procedural matters***

- Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board, 2005–2006

12. ***Administrative and managerial matters***

- a) Review of the Immediate Response Account (IRA)

- b) Business process review (BPR): second progress report on pilot projects

- c) Increased delegation of authority to the Executive Director for approval of operations and budget revisions

13. ***Summary of the work of the Annual and Second Regular Sessions of the Executive Board, 2004***

14. ***Other business***

- a) Oral presentation on the preparation for the joint meeting of the Executive Boards, 2005
- b) Report of the Executive Board Members' joint field visit to Guatemala*
- c) Report of the Executive Board Members' field visit to Bangladesh*

15. *Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations*

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* In accordance with the Executive Board's decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions, 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it, well in advance of the meeting, and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.

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